

Personal Learning Checklist (PLC)

Paper 2 -Topics in Sociology

Unit: Families and Households

RAG how well you know the following content:		A-B	C-D	>D	Do you have revision materials on this?	Content that needs recapping or clarifying from teacher.
1. Gender roles, domestic division of labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society -Topic 1	The influence of gender roles in the domestic division of labour and how these have changed over time.					
	The power relationships between couples and sociological views of these.					
	Sociological views on couples' roles and relationships and criticisms/ counterarguments of these views.					
2.The nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society – Topic 2	Why and how childhood is a social construction					
	The reasons for the emergence of the modern western notion of childhood					
	Sociological views of the position of childhood today and criticisms and counterarguments of these.					
	Sociological views of the future of childhood and criticisms/ counterarguments of these.					
3.The relationship of the family to social structures–Topic 3	The functionalist view of the functions the family performs and criticisms/ counterarguments of this.					
	The Marxist view of the functions the family performs and criticisms/ counterarguments of this.					
	The feminist view of the functions the family performs and criticisms/ counterarguments of this.					
	The personal life view of the family, criticisms/ counterarguments of these views and their criticisms of structural views of the family.					
4.Demographic trends in the UK since 1900s - Topic 4	The main population trends in the UK since 1900 (births, deaths, family size, life expectancy, the ageing population and migration).					
	Reasons and consequences of population changes (above).					
5. Changing patterns of family life and structures– Topic 5	The main changes in partnerships (marriage, divorce, cohabitation and civil partnership) and childbearing and sociological explanations of these.					
	The main changes in household structures (one-person, extended, lone-parent and stepfamilies) and sociological explanations for these.					
	The impact of the changes in family life and household structures on family diversity.					
6. The diversity of contemporary family and household structures– Topic 6	The difference between modernist and postmodernist approaches to family diversity, their views of family diversity and criticisms/ counterarguments of these.					
	Sociological explanations of family diversity and criticisms/ counterarguments of these.					
7. The relationship of the family and social change – Topic 7	The ways and examples of how social policies may affect families.					
	Different sociological views on the relationship between families and social policy (with examples) and criticisms/ counterarguments of these.					